COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

BUDGET SESSION OF 1102.

18th of Karkadagam 1102.

Wednesday, the

3rd of August 1927.

The ninth meeting of the budget session began in the Town Hall at 11-30 a. m. As usual, the Diwan presided. All the Members except the following were present.—Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, K. Krishna Menon, P. Kunhu Muhamad, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, J. T. Murray and K. Sankaran Nambudiri.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Nannyode and Kuriarkutti Dispensaries.

136. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the quantity of quinine supplied to the dispensaries at Nannyode and Kuriarkutti for the years 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101 and 1102 (up to the end of Meenam) ;

(2) the number of Malarial cases treated in those dispensaries for the period specified above ;

(3) the number of patients received medical aid in those dispensaries during the period specified above ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) and (2). The figures for the years 1098-1101 have been given in the answer to question No. 361 of the last session. The figures for 1102 up to the end of Meenam are given below.

	Nannyode.	Kuriarkutti.
Quantity of quinine supplied ..		8Lbs.
Number of Malarial cases treated	3,035	462.

(3) The sub-joined statement contains the information required.

Year.	Nannyode.	Kuriarkutti.
1098	7,823	 6,034
1099	4,712	.. 4,000
1100	9,076	.. 2,515
1101 ..	10,400	 1,751
1102 ...	6,454	 1,054

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, why was not quinine supplied to Nannyode for the past 10 months? I find only Kuriarkutti—8 lbs. and Nannyode—nil, till now, 1102.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Nannyode had on the 1st Chingam 1102, 9 lbs. and 1 oz. of quinine and 8 lbs. 8 ozs. of cinchona, and further, after I have sent in the answer, 15 lbs. of quinine. But they had 9 lbs. of quinine, and, by the time I sent it, they had 4 oz. still left. And here is the report saying that there is sufficient cinchona and quinine for the dispensary.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The report, as you say, says "quinine and cinchona". Quinine and cinchona are different medicines. My question was about quinine.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I said " quinine 9— lbs. ", there was also cinchona.

President.—How much of quinine were there?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—9 lbs. and 1 oz.

President.—For what period would it last?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Approximately half a pound per month.

President.—So for 18 months; more than the requirements.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He wrote to me that he has 4 oz. of quinine left.

President.—Was there any deficiency in the whole supply?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—4 oz. he has got now.

Visitors' books.

137. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the object for which 'Visitors' books' are maintained in public institutions under the Government;

(b) whether the visitors are restrained from expressing their opinions freely;

(c) whether the Heads of Departments have the power to delete or order their subordinates to delete any remarks that are not agreeable to them;

(d) if so, whether the Government have authorised them to do so;

(e) if so, when and how?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Visitors' Books are maintained in public institutions to record the visits and also any remarks that any visitor may be competent to make.

(b) Vide answer to (a).

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